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Preamble

The Background of Assyrian Young Men's Association is not a charming picture that can be painted in gorgeous colors. When we trace this organization back to its beginning we find that its setting was simple; its origin, humble.

The scene takes us back to old West Hoboken, on Clinton Avenue, in front of our first church, a dilapidated structure which seemed to assume a drooping propensity. There, in the fall of 1925, the curtain is drawn. There is a desolate churchyard, a boarded pathway well in need of repair, and a stubborn fence which refuses to fall. We could not learn whether it was during the church services or after, but our guess is that it was during the services when one of the boys, John Baba, happened to meet another, Charles Cheringal, and a conversation ensued.

John --- "Say Charlie, why don't you come around to the club meetings?" (referring to one of the older organizations)

Chas.--- "I would like to, John, but you know how it is. Those fellows are older than we are. I can hardly understand the language and it's natural that there would be differences in our ideas and opinions."

John --- "That's true. But what is to become of these clubs?"

Chas.--- "I don't know."

John --- "And how about us? What are we going to do?"

Chas.--- "I'll tell you. Why not form a club of our own?"

John --- "By Jove! That's just what we ought to do."

The pair of pioneers began to question the others. What did the other boys think about it? Was there enough support? Was there a need for a club? How would the idea be greeted? The someone suggested that there was fine opportunity to present the question the following Sunday at a Church entertainment. This opportunity was grasped. At the Dance it was announced that there would be a meeting the next Sunday at the Church, with the objective of organizing a young men's club.

The following Sunday was a great day for the Assyrian Young Men's Association. The response was great. On that bleak autumn day about forty of the boys crowded on the balcony of the old Church. It was feared that the response was a little too hearty for the supporting beams of the old balcony,

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but somehow even that inanimate thing seemed to join in with the spirit. Nothing could stop that crowd! Broken chairs and dusty boxes were turned into luxuriant sofas. Newspapers were used to cover up the holes in the broken windows. The reluctant gas jet was forced open to yield a dim light. The cold was forgotten! Everything was forgotten! A club was to be formed!

With an enthusiasm common to beginners, and with a spirit characteristic to Assyrians the wheel was in motion. There our organization found its inception. Our first officers were elected.

President	George Kodersha
Vice-President	John Cheringal
Recording Secretary	Joseph Cheringal
Treasurer	John Babu

The first regular meeting was held at Liberty Hall, in Guttenberg. We'll never forget that time we had had after the meeting in the bowling alleys downstairs. Most of the meetings of 1926 were held in the same place. Gradually the opinion that we should have a place of our own crystallized in the hiring of a store on Hamilton Avenue. Can we ever forget the blowout we had there upon the installation of the new officers - the dinner - speeches - songs - jokes - and the bouquet of flowers. What a day that was!

We stayed at this temporary clubhouse for several months. It was a great success. But we were all looking to the day when we would settle at our permanent headquarters at the new Church. At last it came. In the fall of 1927 the greatest dream of our club was realized. With a majestic ceremony that was very proper we moved into our new home and definitely established ourselves as one of the greatest organizations in the nationality.

There is little doubt as to the future of our association. With the advantage of an auspicious start we are sure to climb. Our immediate objective has already been reached. Today, we are a social success. Our dances have been hailed as landmarks in the social progress of our nationality. Our coming events are looked forward to by our people with happy anticipation. And in athletics - Again we have been successful. Our basketball team has credited us with an enviable record. Our gymnastic facilities are continually increasing. Blowouts - card games - bowling parties, they are all a part of our activities. Yes, we have reached our immediate goal.

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But our ultimate goal? ---- That is still to come.
We must never forget our purpose. The lofty principles and
ideals of our forefathers --, We must hold them on high!
The Assyrian Spirit! --- We must never let that die!

The future of Assyrianism in America depends largely
upon the success and growth of budding organizations formed
by the younger element. As for us, when we lean back and
watch the parade of the history of our organization pass
through our minds, we come to but one conclusion:

"WE MUST CARRY ON!"

By: John Shamsey

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article 1

NAME

- Sec. 1. The name of this club will be "The Assyrian Young Men's Association".

Article 11

OBJECTS

- Sec. 1. The objects of this organization are to encourage and facilitate social intercourse among its members; to encourage and afford the means for all legitimate indoor and outdoor sports, and all other activities as may be necessary and helpful for the betterment of the organization and the welfare of its members.
- Sec. 2. This organization is to exist by itself. It is in no way to merge, join, consolidate with or become a part of any other organization.

Article 111

OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. The elective officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and a Treasurer. The appointive officers will be a Sergeant-at-arms, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and all others as from time to time the President shall consider it necessary to appoint. The Chairman of each committee shall select the members of his committee, unless it is otherwise ruled by motion.
- Sec. 2. The election of officers shall conform to the following procedure.
1. Nominations will take place at the regular November meeting.
 2. Election and installation will take place at the following December meeting.
- Sec. 3. The officers shall be elected by a written ballot. The nominee obtaining the plurality will be elected for one year. At the election, if there be no dissension to any or all nominees, the Secretary shall cast one ballot for nominees so nominated without opposition.

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Article IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and preserve order; he shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution; appoint all committees not provided for; give a deciding vote on all questions where there is a tie.
- Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President perform the duties of the President.
- Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate and impartial record of the proceedings of the club. He shall notify each member by mail of the regular and special meetings. He shall keep in a separate book, a correct list of all members, the full names and addresses. He shall receive from the Treasurer an account of the receipts of each meeting, and together with the disbursements, include them in the minutes.
- Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep a just and true account between this club and its members; credit all accounts paid in; turn them over to the Treasurer immediately, taking a receipt for the same. He shall notify all members who are three months in arrears of the amount due to the club.
- Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Financial Secretary and deposit the same in the Bank Account of the Club; pay all orders drawn on him and attested by the President or the Vice-President; receive and deposit profits earned by the Club at social affairs. The Treasurer may change the bank of the club only upon formal action taken by the club. The Treasurer must be prepared to make a monthly report at each meeting.
- Sec. 6. The Recording Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall individually and severally make complete reports at the expiration of their terms of office.
- Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-arms to have charge of the door and to render such assistance to the President as he may require to maintain order and take charge of the rooms at the close of the meetings.
- Sec. 8. The Trustees shall hold in trust all the property and the securities of the Club, and procure such articles as may be passed upon by motion, and shall audit the financial books and shall render a report of said audit quarterly.

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Article V

MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1. All candidates for membership shall be balloted, and a three-quarters vote of members present is required for acceptance.
- Sec. 2. Candidates must be of Assyrian blood. There shall be no religious qualifications.
- Sec. 3. Members may be dropped, en group, for continual failure to attend meetings, or any other form of misconduct which three-quarter members present at a regular meeting shall vote as warranting expulsion.
- Sec. 4. Any officer who shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings without good excuse, shall forfeit his office, and another shall be appointed by the President to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- Sec. 5. Any officer wishing to resign from office shall present a written statement as to the reasons for his resignation, which shall be voted upon.
- Sec. 6. Any member guilty of the following offenses shall be amenable to action taken by this Club, and by resolution may be subjected to reprimandation, penalty, suspension or expulsion.
- (a) Misappropriation of funds or property or other affects of the Club.
 - (b) A repetition of wilful violation of the Constitution.
- Sec. 7. A member who is three months or more in arrears in dues is not considered a member in good standing.

Article VI

INITIATION FEES, DUES

- Sec. 1. Every candidate for membership above the age of 16 shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar.
- Sec. 2. The monthly fees shall be fifty cents, payable in advance. Boys of or under the age of 16 shall pay a yearly fee of one dollar and a half, at the first meeting of each year.

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Article VII

AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 1. The sections of this constitution may be abrogated, altered, remodeled or amended, and new sections may be added to the constitution by an introduction of the proposed change in writing, which will be read at two consecutive meetings, at the second of which, each member having been notified thereof, a vote shall be taken and the change becoming effectual by two-thirds vote of members of good standing in the organization.

Article VIII

APPROPRIATION

- Sec. 1. No donations above five dollars shall be made unless there is more than three hundred dollars in the treasury. In case of donations of five dollars or less, the President shall be empowered to make such a donation only in urgent cases, otherwise the question is to be brought before the Club.

New members must take the following oath.

"I, -----, a member of the Assyrian Young Men's Association hereby agree to adhere to and obey the constitution and bylaws of this Club, and to never disclose the secrets of this organization.

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BY-LAWS

- Sec. 1. Meetings shall be conducted according to the established rules of Parliamentary Procedure.
- Sec. 2. The priority of motion shall be as follows:
1. Motion as to time of reopening of meeting. (no discussion)
 2. Motion to adjourn. (no Discussion)
 3. Motion to table an issue before the Club. (no discussion)
 4. Ordinary motions.
- Sec. 3. Meetings shall be conducted in conformity with the following table:
1. Calling of meeting to order
 2. Roll call
 3. Reading of minutes
 4. Bills
 5. Communications
 6. Treasury report
 7. Report of committees
 8. Dues (intermission)
 9. Old business
 10. New business
 11. Good and welfare
 - 12 Adjournment
- Sec. 4. When a member desires to speak, he shall stand up and respectfully address the chair, and no member shall disturb another in his speech unless to press a point of order.
- Sec. 5. Members must confine themselves to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities.
- Sec. 6. A motion must be seconded before subjected to debate.
- Sec. 7. A member shall not speak to another or otherwise interfere with the business of the Club while the minutes or other papers are being read, or when any member is speaking in debate. Nor shall any member leave the room during the progress of the meeting without permission from the chair.

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